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NOTICE OF RULE CHANGE

RULE 10(b), FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Counsel are advised that effective December 1, 2002, Rule 10 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure was amended to allow for a waiver of appearance by a criminal defendant at the time of arraignment. *The waiver must be made in writing and must be signed by the defendant.* A copy of the Waiver of Appearance for Arraignment form now in use is attached to this notice for informational purposes. The Waiver may be copied for use and is also available from the Court's Website: www.vtd.uscourts.gov. Waivers of Appearance for Arraignment *must* be submitted to the Clerk's Office for filing as soon as they are executed to allow for consideration by the Court.

RICHARD PAUL WASKO
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Attachment

United States District Court
for the
District of Vermont

United States of America

v.

**Waiver of Appearance
For Arraignment
(Rule 10(b), Fed. R. Crim. P.)**

Case Number: _____

I, _____, charged in an (indictment)(information)

pending in the District of Vermont in violation of Title _____, U.S.C.,

_____, do hereby *waive (give up)* my right to appear at an arraignment.

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed a copy of the (indictment) (information) and have agreed to enter a plea of not guilty.

Date

Defendant

Counsel for Defendant

The defendant's request to waive appearance at the arraignment is hereby APPROVED.

Date

Judicial Officer